

GREAT FAITH - GREAT RESULTS

Matthew 15:21-28

- *“Dear woman,’ Jesus said to her, ‘your faith is great. Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was instantly healed.” (Matthew 15:28)*
- **What was the worst test that I have ever taken?**
- **Jesus often “tested” people to discern their faith.**
- **We can see from this story that:**
 - **Jesus looked upon interruptions as opportunities for ministry**
 - **Jesus recognizes no social or racial barriers**
 - **Jesus responds to genuine faith**

We Learn From This Story That:

EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT TO THE LORD

- **Who is important and who is unimportant to me?**
- **Jesus doesn’t believe in “exclusiveness.”**
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that we are important to God though we may be unimportant to others.**
- *“Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without faith in His eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.” (Ephesians 1:4-5)*
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that others are important to God though they may be unimportant to us.**
- **Jesus - “Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.” (Luke 14:21)**
- **The Lord - “Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.” (Revelation 22:17)**
- **Who people or groups of people do I need to reach out to because they are important to the Lord?**

We Learn From This Story That:

FAITH IS INDISPENSABLE WITH THE LORD

- *“Dear woman,’ Jesus said to her, ‘your faith is great.’” (Matthew 15:28)*
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that He responds to our faith.**
- *“Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My child, your sins are forgiven.’” (Mark 2:5)*
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that He rewards our faith.**
- *“It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)*

- Jesus rewards our faith when we come to Him for: 1) Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9), 2) Victory (1 John 5:4), Prayer (Mark 11:24), 4) Healing (Mark 2:5), 4) Provision (Luke 6:38).
- Faith is trusting in Jesus regardless of our circumstances.
- Faith is *Forsaking All I Trust Him*.
- What matters to God is not how much faith we have, but what we do with the faith that we have.
- *“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.”* (Ephesians 1:3)
- ***What steps do I need to take to live a more faith-filled life?***

We Learn From This Story That:

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE LORD

- *“A Gentile woman who lived there came to Him, pleading, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.’”* (Matthew 15:22)
- ***What are some things that I would describe as “impossible”?***
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that demonic bondages can be alleviated by Jesus.**
- *“Jesus disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross.”* (Colossians 2:15)
- **Jesus’ words and actions in this story demonstrate to us that difficult burdens can be eliminated by Jesus.**
- Jesus – *“Come to Me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”* (Matthew 11:28)
- Jesus – *“With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”* (Mark 10:27 NKJV)
- ***What are some impossible situations or relationships that I need to turn over to the Lord?***

Questions To Consider From This Story

- **How can I better make use of the interruptions in my life?**
- **Who do I need to minister to because they are important to the Lord?**
- **What are some “impossibles” in my life or others lives that I need for the Lord to intervene in?**
- **In what areas of life do I need to develop more faith?**